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Plains Files: A Guide to Its Records at the Jimmy Carter Library

Collection Summary

Creator: Jimmy Carter

Title: Plains Files

Dates: 1973-1982

Quantity: 118 linear feet, (118) linear feet open for research, 42 containers

Identification:

Accession Number: 80-1

Archival Research Catalog (ARC) Identification Number: 591256

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of materials sent to Plains, Georgia to be available to President Jimmy Carter while writing his memoirs. The material details foreign and domestic policy in the Carter administration. The collection also includes a small amount of pre-Presidential and post-Presidential material.

Creator Information: Jimmy Carter/Plains Files

The Plains Files is a shadow collection, which was compiled for the President's memoir. The files are mostly copies of selected documents from already established collections.

Restrictions:

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Related Material:

Related materials in this repository: National Security Council; Presidential Daily Diary; White House Central Files Countries Files; State Department

Index Terms:

Persons: President Jimmy Carter

Subjects: Foreign Policy; Elections; Administration Accomplishments; SALT II; Camp David Summit

Places: Iran; Middle East; China;

Types of Material: Correspondence, notes, schedules, briefings, memoranda, reports

Administrative Information:

Preferred citation: [Type of Document], [Names of Sender and Recipient or Title of Document], [Date], [Collection Title], [Series Title], [Folder Title], [Box Number], Jimmy Carter Presidential Library.

Acquisition information: These historical materials were received under provisions of the instrument of gift that Jimmy Carter signed January 31, 1981.

Processing information: The collection was opened in March, 1996.

System of Arrangement:

The records of the Plains Files are divided into 3 series:

Series Title	Series ID (ARC)
President's Personal Foreign Affairs File	591273
President's Daily Diary	591286
Subject Files	591289

Detailed Description of the Collection

President's Personal Foreign Affairs File

Scope and Content: Containers 1-5. This series was opened on March, 1996. This series contains correspondence and notes relating to foreign policy in various countries. Arranged alphabetically by country name.

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Subject Files

Scope and Content: Containers 16-42. This series was opened on March, 1996. This series contains correspondence, notes, and briefing papers relating to international relations, congressional liaison, legislation, Iranian Hostage Crisis, and national security issues confronted during the Carter Administration. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

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